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For:	METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF NUCLEIC ACID BY MEANS OF ELECTROSPRAY MASS SPECTROMETRY		

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MSAF
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January 27, 2005

Sir:

In reply to the Final Office Action dated October 27, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

This response contains Amendments to the Claims and Remarks.